

Appl. No. 09/693,019

APP 1204

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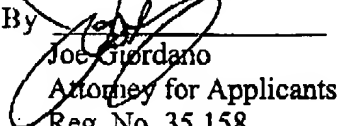
The Examiner rejected claim 16 under 35 USC 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Specifically, The Examiner asserts that the acts of the claimed process are not being applied to appropriate subject matter. While applicants traverse the grounds for rejection, applicants have amended claim 16 to more clearly identify the useful, concrete and tangible result of the process so claimed. Applicants have added to the end of claim 16 a recitation regarding that the process and data structure recited in the claim would be used by the SIP-EYE agent to monitor the connections in a network.

Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of claim 16, as amended, are therefore requested.

It is submitted that this application is in condition to be passed to issue, and such action is respectfully requested. However, if the Examiner believes it would in any way expedite the prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone applicants' attorney at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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